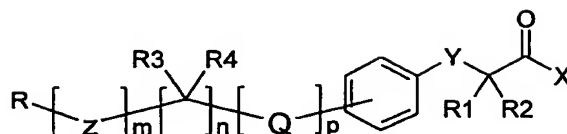


CLAIMS

1. Formula (I) compounds

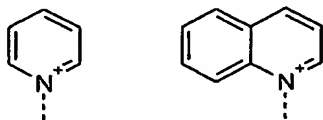


(I)

in which:

5 R represents -H, -YCR5R6COX, monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic aryl or heteroaryl (possibly substituted by groups of the type -YCR5R6COX, halogens, nitro, hydroxy, alkyl, and alkoxy, possibly substituted by halogens), monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic arylalkyl or heteroarylalkyl (in which the aryl or heteroaryl are

10 possibly substituted by groups of the type -YCR5R6COX, halogens, nitro, hydroxy, alkyl, and alkoxy, possibly substituted by halogens). The heteroaryl may possibly be charged, of the type:



15 in which the positive charge is balanced by a suitable negative counterion;

m represents 0-1

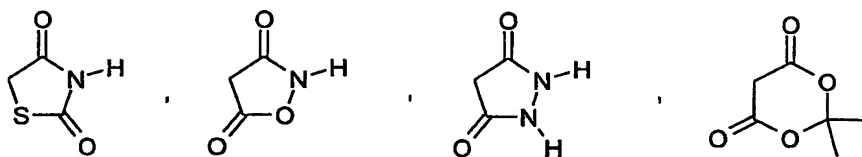
n represents 0-3; when n represents 1, R3 and R4, which may be the same or different, are selected from H or alkyl C₁-C₅; when n represents 2 or 3, R3 is equal to R4 and represents H;

5 p represents 0-1

X represents -OH, -O-alkyl C₁-C₃;

R1 and R2, which may be the same or different, are selected from: -H; alkyl C₁-C₅; -alkoxy, possibly substituted by halogens; -phenoxy, possibly substituted by halogens, nitro, hydroxy, alkyls; -benzyloxy, possibly substituted by halogens, nitro, hydroxy, alkyls; -COX; or together with COX of general formula (I) form a cycle of the type:

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15 R5 and R6, which may be the same or different, are selected from the groups listed for R1 and R2;

Q and Z, which may be the same or different, are selected from: NH, O, S, -NHC(O)O-, NHC(O)NH-, -NHC(O)S-, -OC(O)NH-, -NHC(S)O-, -NHC(S)NH-, -C(O)NH-;

and Y represents O, S.

20 2. Formula (I) compounds according to claim 1, for use in the medical field.

3. Pharmaceutical composition containing as its active ingredient a formula (I) compound according to claim 1 and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and/or diluent.

5 4. Composition according to claim 3, in the form of tablets, capsules, pills, sachets, vials, powders, suppositories, solutions, suspensions, emulsions or liposomal preparations.

5. Composition according to claim 4, which can be administered by the enteral or parenteral routes.

10 6. Use of formula (I) compounds according to claim 1 for the preparation of a medicine for the treatment of diseases responding to PPAR α activation.

7. Use according to claim 6, in which the diseases are selected from the group consisting of heart failure, the hyperlipaemias and atherosclerosis.